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RE: Hollywood Center - ELDP Application Support Letter

Dear Mr. Morgan,

On behalf of over 100,000 skilled and trained craftsmen and women we strongly urge you to support the Hollywood Center "Environmental Leadership Development Project" application, an environmental certification that will create 7,452 high-paying, high-skill construction jobs and speed much-needed housing through the lengthy entitlement process. With wages stagnating and good jobs increasingly hard to find, our community struggles every day to make ends meet and put food on the table.

This certification has already been implemented successfully on projects up and down California, resulting in thousands and thousands of good jobs. These jobs are vital to strength of the regional economy, and we should be prioritizing the usage of the ELDP process for specific projects as it is a massive commitment to working people in the LA region.

In addition to creating jobs, an ELDP must result in an investment in California of more than \$100 million and generate zero net additional emissions of greenhouse gases, among other provisions. AB900 creates a win-win-win for the environment, the economy, and the workforce. This is the gold standard for sustainable, environmentally-friendly building and the model for what all real estate developers should be doing in the future.

As with previous ELDP applications, approving the Hollywood Center application is just plain common sense, a proven approach to increasing the number of good construction jobs. It has the added bonus of doing so in an environmentally conscious and economically supportive way.

Thank you for your support of the hard-working men and women of Los Angeles and California.

Sincerely,

Ron Miller

**Executive Secretary** 

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